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DECLARATION
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS
for the Kingdom of
SCOTLAND
Concerning the removall of His
MAJESTIE from Holdenby.

Together with a Speech made by the Earl of *Lauderdale*
touching the same; At a Conference with both
Houses of PARLIAMENT ON *Saturday*
the 5th of June 1647.



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Hen, in *January* last, the Honourable
 House did desire, that the King (then at
New-Castle with the Scots Army) might
 come to *Haldenby*; They did declare to the
 Kingdom of Scotland, that they would
 take care of the preservation of his Person, in the
 preservation and defence of the true Religion, and Li-
 berties of the Kingdoms according to the Covenant;
 And that when the King should be at *Haldenby*, and the
 Scottish Forces gone out of this Kingdom, they would
 be ready, according to their former Declarations, to
 joyn with the Kingdom of Scotland, in employing their
 best endeavours to procure his Majesties assent to the
 Propositions of Peace: And when the Parliament of
 Scotland did give their concurrence for His Majesties
 going to *Haldenby*, they did declare against all harme,
 prejudice, injury, or violence to be done to his Royall
 Person. We have attended these six weekes past in a rea-
 dinesse to joyn with the Honourable Houses, according
 to their Declaration, for procuring His Majesties assent
 to the Propositions, and whilst we were expecting that
 an application should have been made to his Majestie by
 both Kingdomes for his assent, Wee understand, that
 in a violent manner, his Majestie is carried away against
 his will, by a party of Sir *Thomas Fairfax*. A my,
 which we are confident is without any warrant from
 either House of Parliament. The Parliament of Scot-
 land to manifest their confidence in the Houses of the
 Parliament of *England*, did consent to his Majesties

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comming to Holday; And now by an open breach a-
gainst both Kingdomes, he is carried from thence we
know not whither: Which action will certainly be
highly resented by the Kingdome of Scotland; and doth
engage us according to the dutie we owe to them who
have entrusted us, to represent our sense of this vio-
lent act, which must needs be dangerous to both the
Kingdomes; And to desire, that the Houses in their
wisdome, would take such course, as the King may be
brought from those who have taken him away, unto
some of his houses where the Parliament, that so a
joynt application may be made to him by both King-
domes, for the setting of a just and solid peace. And we
doe assure the honourable Houses in the Name of the
Kingdome of Scotland, that if there shall be need,
they will be ready to the utmost of there power, to
joyne with this Kingdome; As for the other ends of
the Covenant, So for rescuing and defending his Ma-
jesties person, in the preservation of the true Religion
and Liberties of the Kingdomes, and for maintaining
the Priviledges of the Parliaments, according to the
Covenant, wherein we shall have regard to the honor
of this Kingdome, as well as our owne. We cannot
thinke that all who are of that Army, are accessory to
such wicked designs, Or will knowingly disappoint
the trust reposed in them by the Parliament. Some we
believe have gone along in the simplicity of their
hearts; Such we doubt not but the clemency and wis-
dome of the honorable Houses, may and will reclaime
unto their duty; And upon the other part wee trust
the prudence and care of both Houses, will in such a
way as they shall thinke fit, provide against the present
visible dangers, which doe more then threaten the Par-
liament and City.

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These things the Conscience of our duty hath moved us freely to declare. And as we would have accounted it guiltinesse for us to be silent at such a time ; So if a speedy remedy be not taken against this deluge of the worst of evils, wee trust that wee have hereby exonerated our Consciences before God and the world.

5th June 1647.

By command of the Commissioners
for the Parliament of
Scotland.

To: Cheiflie.

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 The Earl of *Lowderdales* Speech in
 the Painted Chamber.

5. June 647.

My Lords and Gentlemen :

THe interest of these two Kingdoms of *Scotland* and *England*, are so neerly conjoynd in this Cause, that what is hurtfull or dangerous to either, must needs be so to both; for they are so united, that they must stand or fall together. This consideration hath moved us (who serve the *Parliament* of *Scotland* here) to desire to waite upon both Houses of *Parliament*; having understood, that his Majestie is against his will carried away from *Holdenby*, we know not whither.

My Lords, The *Parliament* of *England* hath often upon severall occasions, since the beginning of these unhappy troubles, declared their firm resolution to maintain and reform Religion; To preserve the established Government of the Kingdom; and, to defend his Majesties Person and Authority, in the defence of the true Religion & liberties of the Kingdoms. These I need not repeat, your Lorstships and these worthy Gentlemen doe better remeber them, & I am confident will make good what you have so frequently declared. But we are all more solemnly tyed: For when the Kingdom of *Scotland* was ingaged in this Cause, the *Parliaments* of both Kindoms entred into a solemn League and Covenant, for reformation and defence of Religion, the Honour and happineffe of the King, and the peace and safety of both Kingdomes.

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In the pursuance of the ends of that Covenant, the Kingdom of *Scotland* hath employed both their Forces and Counsels, with so much fidelity and constancy, that the mouth of malice it self is stopt, even our Enemies being Judges. And to take away all jealousies, and to shew our earnest desires of the ease of the Countrey, and settling of Peace; Our Army marcht away (as they came in to this Kingdom) in the dead of Winter, punctually performing their Treaty. And yet further to witness their confidence in this Parliament, the Parliament of *Scotland* agreed His Majestie should go to *Holtenby*, or some other of His houses in or about *London*, untill joynt Applications were made to Him by both Kingdoms, for settling joyntly a happie Peace. But it was with the two Houses of Parliament He was left; They are of one Religion with us, and engaged in the same Covenant. Yet now we understand, that His Majestie is violently torn away from that place by some Souldiers of *Sir Thomas Fairfax Army*. We know not, nor cannot understand by what Authority; but we are confident not by the Authority of this Parliament. And I confesse I wonder how any Subjects of great Britain, will take upon them to dispose of the Person of the King against His own will, and the declared intentions of both Parliaments.

Your Lordships and the Honourable House of *Commons*, know best what to do for Your own Honour and safetie; I shall not presume to offer any Advice, But because this action will certainly be much resented by the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and have a very great influence there; We are engaged to come hither, and according to the duty we owe to them that trusted us, represent our sense of this violent Act which must needs be of great danger

danger to both the Kingdoms. And we do desire, that the two Houses would in their wisdom take such a course, that the Kings Majestie may be rescued from that, that have so violently carried him away; and be brought to some of His own houses near the Parliament, that a joynt application may be made to Him by both Kingdoms, for agreeing all differences, and setting of a just and solid Peace.

I can assure You, that the Kingdom of *Scotland*, if there be need, will joyn as one man with this Parliament, to maintain with their lives and fortunes the Covenant, the Kings Majestie, and the just liberties of both Parliaments, according to the Covenant against whatsoever violence; To vindicate the Honour of this Parliament, and to preserve and strengthen the Union of the Kingdoms, until it please God to crown all our endeavours with Truth and Peace.

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